

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Richardson, Denbo

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor Sue Scholer for her dedication and service to the people of Indiana, particularly District 26, upon her retirement from the Indiana General Assembly.

Whereas, Representative Sue Scholer started her career in public service as a Wabash Township Assessor and then as Tippecanoe County Commissioner until 1990, and

Whereas, Representative Scholer was elected Tippecanoe County Commissioner at a time when women were not so common in the political realm and in fact, her election to this office landed her story in one of the leading national women's magazines of the 1980s, and

Whereas, This press coverage was not due to her credentials as an accomplished individual with a background in Civil Engineering but rather due to a



comment from one of her male colleagues that he was glad she was there to handle the decorating of the upcoming courthouse renovation, and

Whereas, Representative Sue Scholer has faithfully served District 26 in the Indiana General Assembly for 14 years, and has served the past 4 years as Assistant Republican Leader, and

Whereas, She quickly gained a reputation for her ability to work with legislators on both sides of the aisle, and

Whereas, Representative Scholer is known for her straightforward style and has always tackled the challenging issues facing the General Assembly with the perspective of how it would affect the state in both the short and long term, and

Whereas, She has been especially active on issues in the areas of education, government efficiency and planning, and the environment, and

Whereas, She was proud to serve on the bipartisan Education Roundtable which made great strides in bringing positive long-term changes to education in Indiana, and

Whereas, As a testament to her desire to bring new women leaders into the political process, she has been an active supporter of the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series and has devoted her time, energy and talents to Indiana Girls State for several years, and

Whereas, She represented Indiana as Past Chair of the Midwestern Legislative Conference for the Council of State Governments as well as participated in the National Order of Women Legislators and Women in Government, and



Whereas, Representative Scholer has been honored as Outstanding Legislator by United Senior Action in 1993, as a Small Business Champion in 1995, and in 1997 received the Distinguished Legislator Award by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and

Whereas, Representative Scholer is famous for taking her staff on car tours of her district, and

Whereas, On one such occasion, she missed the exit on I-65 and promptly decided to make a U-turn through the police median at 65 m.p.h. in front of a semi-truck, almost causing her staff to go into cardiac arrest, and

Whereas, Representative Scholer's husband, Chuck, has slowly engineered her retirement by stealth and intrigue, generously giving her indestructible yard signs to other candidates and thereby decreasing her ability to campaign, and

Whereas, She has always made her family her priority during her career as a public servant, joyfully raising three children and continuing to delight in spending time with her five grandsons and three granddaughters, and

Whereas, She will be missed by her colleagues in the Indiana House of Representatives for her sound advice, leadership and unwavering friendship;

Now, Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives honor
- 2 Representative Sue Scholer for her dedication to public service, through
- 3 these fourteen years representing the needs of her constituents and
- 4 improving the lives and well-being of the citizens of Indiana.



1 SECTION 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed
2 to transmit a copy of this resolution to Representative Sue Scholer.

